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Dear Harold,

It was good to get your most recent mailing, which arrived today. I'll now respond to the personal letters in it. Have already written a brief memo on the "threat" which is still entirely cryptic to me and not at all apparent as a threat...Also, today, I got the pix I had taken at your place. They came out great. Sorry I didn't get any close shots of animals.

I thinkthe Pent. Papers may make TIGER even more appropriate, again if properly done. You now have my latest letter on this.

I did get to go camping and absolutely loved it. There are no words to describe those three wonderful days in an area so remote from civilization (?) that the closest bathroom is four miles. However, my dpression upon returning to the city and, worst of all, reading the papers, was intense and disturbing. More and more do I think I will have to go away--from this society or this country or something. It is increasingly bearing down on me.

The woman re Harper was a woman who wrote a letter to RFK in 64. There is nothing I could get from her. Will have to work tjrough the A. We now have the FBI report in CD 1269. Remaining are a cover letter from Hoover plus the 2 Harper slides. How should I approach getting them now that part of the file has been disclosed?

Not only did I try to get the pix from Black Star, the photographer himself gave me written permission to have them. According to BS, the negatives have "mysteriously disappeared"!

My heart beat fast at Rusk because what he said upset me, the lies--whether or not he knew them to be lies--and the whole sick philosophy, about which he was appologetic. On the CBS panel show, my remarks to you were just off the top of my head and not comprehensive. I am well aware of Fulbright's earlier record--at least ebough to understand his change. But some of the things he said were strong and right and not often said by public officials today. I do not know Frankel's background, but what he said on that show led me to believe that he really did not understand the Pent. Papers. Schles did say a lot, but that does not change my opinion of him as a phony liberal. And he is lucky he was not confronted with some statements from his book which the Pent Papaers prove to be lies--conscious lies, I think. I have the transcript now and when I can will copy the pages you request re China. Unless you write for it yourself. It is free.

Re Nixon and China, I am not yet prepared to agree with you, esp. about danger of Nixon getting knocked off. My first impression when I heard his address was that he was well prpared to exploit China for all he could. I do not sense one once of sincerity in Nixon, and search everything he does for ulterior motives which are corrupt and sick, even if he does not think so.

You refer to a "leakK" which, had the military known in advance, would have been used to frustrate the plan. I don't know. I have enclosed an article for you from the 6/13/71 Bulletin which I think is a sufficient "leak." You see, I wonder now just how much these people are attached to the philospohy so long used to justify all the madness.

I have long been sickened by the way Nixon picks at the bones of JFK, how his presentations reek with an effort to borrow from Kennedy's approach. Like some of his speeches on Vietnam--he has even quoted and praised JFK on Vietnam, using JFK's own words to justify our presence there.

His timing of these new overtures to China match the timing of JFK's overtures toward Russia--middle of third year in office, when they may be politically opportune. One line in Nixon's announcement was very similar to one from JFK's Am. U. speech. Nixon said his journey was one for peace "on this earth we share together." Very JFK-ey.

This and events in Saigon have led me to believe that Nixon has a 1954 Geneva settlement up his sleeve, complete with similar provisions and similar U.S. violations, to be rolled out in time for him to be re-elected as the man who brought us peace in SE Asia and rolled in when the gooks somehow break the agreements. I wonder a)how much these guys can get away with in the future and b) how much they think they can get away with. Right now, I would not put almost anything past Nixon.

But I envision all kinds of wheeling and dealing going on behind the scenes so that his military playfellows could accept the new China policy. I don't think Nixon would have had it any other way. There is no telling what evil he has cooked up.

That is my instant analysis. Perhaps it asks too much. We'll both have to wait.

Thank Lil for the clippings which are helpful. Send her my best.

Still,

Howard